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SUBJ: "OCAM IN ITS PRESENT FORM MUST DISAPPEAR": TOGOLESE

VIEWPOINT; NIGERIEN DEL'S AIRPORT REMARKS

SUMMARY: GOT-CONTROLLED MEDIA COMMENTARY ON EIGHT OCAM SUMMIT
CONFERENCE CALLS FOR OCAM TO DISAPPEAR AND BE REPLACED BY MORE
TECHNICAL, LESS POLITICAL ORGANIZATION, "LESS INSPIRED FROM
OUTSIDE" AND MORE AFRICAN, MORE OPEN FOR PROMOTION OF AFRICAN
UNITY. END SUMMARY

1. TOGOLESE DEL, HEADED BY MINFINANCE AND ECONOMY EDUARD KODJO,
LEFT LOME AUGUST 4 FOR EIGHTH OCAM SUMMIT CONFERENCE. DEL ALSO
CONSISTS OF: EMILE ETSI, SEC GEN OF MINFINANCE; AND FOUR
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FORMIN OFFICIALS: JEAN LUCIEN SAVI DE TOVE, SEC GEN OF

MINISTRY; VICTOR TIGOUÉ, DIRECTOR POLITICAL AND LEGAL AFFAIRS;
GIBRIL AKANGA, DEP DIRECTOR SAME OFFICE; FRANÇOIS AKUESON, DEP
DIRECTOR INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES.

2. ON SAME PLANE LEAVING LOMÉ WAS NIGÉRIEN DEL, HEADED BY
FORMIN CAPTAIN DJERMAKOYE ADAMOÛ, INCLUDING MIN FINANCE LT COL.
MOUSSA TOUDI, AND MR. IBRAHIM TOULOU, PRESIDENTIAL ADVISER.

3. DURING LOMÉ STOP, ACCORDING TO TOGO-PRESSE, MIN ADAMOÛ
SAID HE WAS GOING TO BANGUI DETERMINED TO MAKE CONTRIBUTION TO
LEAD OCAM OUT OF PRESENT IMPASSE; "WE THINK THERE IS CRISIS
NOBODY CAN IGNORE." ASKED IF EVOLUTION OF OAU MADE OCAM
REDUNDANT, ADAMOÛ SAID HE THOUGHT THAT NOW PERHAPS IT NECESSARY
TO "DEPOLITICIZE OCAM, BUT NOT TOTALLY" AND THAT, BECAUSE OCAM IS
MADE UP OF STATES OF FORMER FRENCH AFRICAN FEDERATION, IT STANDS
TO REASON MEMBERS UNDERSTAND EACH OTHER BETTER.

4. TOGO-PRESSE EDITORIAL AUGUST 5 IS TITLED "OCAM IN ITS PRESENT
FORM MUST DISAPPEAR." BANGUI MEETING, IT SAYS, WILL BE DECISIVE
FOR FUTURE AND ORIENTATION OF ORGANIZATION WHICH HAS KNOWN NOTHING
BUT CRISES SINCE 1972, CRISES MARKED BY ABSENTEEISM AT FIRST,
WHICH BECAME DESERTIONS, MEMBERSHIP DROPPING FROM 14 TO 9.
IN PAST, OCAM WAS EFFICACIOUS AND USEFUL IN SEARCH FOR SOLUTIONS
TO POLITICAL PROBLEMS AS MUCH AS IN ACHIEVING PRECISE
TECHNICAL OBJECTIVES. POLITICALLY IT FAVORED AFRICAN UNITY, AS
WITNESSED BY NUMEROUS MEDIATIONS AND RECONCILIATIONS AT ITS
SUMMIT CONFERENCES. ON TECHNICAL LEVEL, MOST OF COUNTRIES THAT
QUIT OCAM STAYED IN ITS TECHNICAL INSTITUTIONS (UAMPT, UAMBD,
OAMCAF, SUGAR, INFORMATION). BUT PAST SUCCESSES ONLY UNDERLINE
REAL PROBLEMS CONFRONTING ORGANIZATION TODAY. "IN THESE CONDITIONS,
WE TOGOLÉSE OF THE NEW DEAL THINK OCAM CAN HARDLY BE
MAINTAINED IN ITS PRESENT FORM. OCAM MUST DISAPPEAR TO GIVE
WAY TO AN INSTITUTION LESS POLITICAL AND MORE TECHNICAL, LESS
INSPIRED FROM THE OUTSIDE AND MORE AFRICAN, LESS DOMINATED BY
WILL FOR POWER OF SOME COUNTRIES AND MORE EGALITARIAN, LESS
EXCLUSIVELY FORMED ON LANGUAGE AND MORE OPEN FOR PROMOTION OF
VERITABLE AFRICAN UNITY.

5. EDITORIAL CONTINUED, "NEW INSTITUTION WE ADVOCATE SHOULD EMERGE
FOLLOWING WORK OF AD HOC ORGANIZING COMMISSION, WHOSE ROLE
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WOULD BE TO ANALYZE DEEP DESIRES OF ALL PRESENT MEMBER STATES
AND THOSE WHO, FOR THEIR OWN REASONS, DECIDED TO QUIT PRESENT
ORGANIZATION. COMMISSION SHOULD PROPOSE BASES AND STRUCTURES
OF NEW FRATERNAL ORGANIZATION WHICH WILL AGREE TO WORK FOR
BEST INTERESTS OF ALL MEMBER COUNTRIES WITH AIM OF REALIZING
A UNITY AUTHENTICALLY AFRICAN AND REALISTIC."RAWLS

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